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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUEBEC 0098

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, CA
SUBJECT: QUEBEC REPORTED READY INCREASE ITS PRESENCE IN U.S.

1. LE SOLEIL OF MARCH 2 REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CLAUDE MORIN TOLD THE PAPER THAT QUEBEC INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS PRESENCE IN THE USA; A COUNTRY WHERE QUEBEC IS POORLY UNDERSTOOD AND WHERE ONE MUST EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SEPARATION AND SOVEREIGNTY. ACCORDING TO LE SOLEIL, MORIN'S MINISTRY IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MORE QUEBEC OFFICES IN THE U.S. EXISTING QUEBEC DELEGATIONS ARE IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, BOSTON, DALLAS AND LA FAYETTE, LOUISIANA. MORIN MADE HIS REMARKS IN PORT AU PRINCE AFTER FINISHING A TOUR OF QUEBEC DELEGATIONS IN DALLAS, LA FAYETTE AND THE HAITIAN CAPITAL.

2. MORIN INTENDS TO VISIT OTHER DELEGATIONS IN THE U.S. SOON. HE STATED THAT HE BEGAN WITH THE U.S. BECAUSE THAT COUNTRY WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO QUEBEC. ALTHOUGH AMERICANS DO NOT KNOW US WELL, NO ONE THERE IS HOSTILE TO US, MORIN DECLARED. THE MINISTER HOPES TO "MAKE AMERICANS UNDERSTAND" THE NEW TYPE OF ASSOCIATION WHICH QUEBEC IS PROPOSING. WE ARE NOT CASTROS, HE CONCLUDED.

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3. COMMENT: WE CONTACTED ROBERT TRUDEL WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY FOR COMMENT. HE SAID THAT MORIN'S REMARKS TO PRESS TOOK WORKING LEVEL BY SURPRISE BUT FELT THAT IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DENIED. HE THINKS THAT THE DETAILS OF WHATEVER MORIN HAS IN MIND WILL COME OUT IN THE MARCH 8TH INAUGURAL ADDRESS (FORMERLY

THRONE SPEECH) TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
MINISTER OF FINANCE JACQUES PARIZEAU ALLUDED TO QUEBEC DELEGATIONS IN OUR CONVERSATION OF FEBRUARY 8 (SEE QUEBEC 0058).
HE SAID QUEBEC HOPED TO UPGRADE ITS PRESENCE IN U.S. BUT HAD NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO ESTABLISH A DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. SUCH ACTION WOULD AROUSE "CANADIAN SENSIBILITIES" AND GOQ HAS NO WISH PLACE USG IN EMBARRASSING POSITION.
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